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A NEW LAW BOOK.

The publication of a law book by Honolulu publishing house, as a private venture, is an important enough event to warrant editorial mention. If memory serves us all Hawaiian law books have heretofore been published by the government. The new departure consists in the compilation, indexing and re-publication of thirteen of the constitutions and early fundamental laws of Hawaii and all of the proclamations, treaties, resolutions and procedure incident to the abrogation of the monarchy, the creation of the republic and annexation to the United States, ending with the Organic Act by which Congress created Hawaii into a Territory of the United States.

The necessity for such a publication is manifest from the fact that practically all of the laws in question are out of print and but few of them have ever been indexed.

The book is printed in large clear type, on good paper, and is well bound in leather. In workmanship it would be a credit to any publishing house. A special feature of the book is the

index, which is unusually full and complete with many cross references. The compilation will be of value not only to lawyers, judges and government officers, but to corporations and busiress houses as well, for the Organic Act deals in such detail with our in-

ternal affairs that the business man

must frequently desire to consult it.

The publication will also be of intense interest to students of history and political development, showing, as it does, the evolution in sixty years of an absolute monarchy having no written law into a liberal constitutional monarchy; the reversion of that monarchy into one giving the ruler greater power; the forcing of a more liberal constitution from a reluctant king; the rise of a revolutionary government with a substitute for a constitution in the shape of a proclamation, drafted partly on the model of the American Declaration of Independence and partly on the lines of the declaration of the great French revolution; the creation of an independent republic; the negotiation of a treaty of anpexation to the United States; the failure of the United States Senate to ratify such treaty and the basing of a joint resolution thereon which completed the annexation, concluding with the formal creation of a Territory of

the Union. No such picturesque and varied history has been woven in any other country, and the Fundamental Law of Hawaii places the milestones of its creation in the hands of those who desire to study it.

A SERIOUS MENACE.

mien, as horsemen and farmers who have seen it attack or threaten their success. The only way to fly is to fly stables realize. Perhaps, though, the public in general are but scantily aware of the fact that the disease is communicable to man and, not only so, but that no more hideous death can come to a human being than from this cause. It is death inevitable to him who is lief comes are too horrible to be de- men from the productive vocations of scribed. There were two human fatali- peace. And yet revolution in Russia ties from the disease in the epidemic of is not a possibility to be lightly conthe late Dr. James Brodie, V. S., the tive, first veterinarian ever employed on regular salary by the Hawaiian Gov- into the dust for a thousand years beoutcry at the time against the severity storm of blood and fire that swept sion without blessing the name of to fight against fire.

readers, glanders has again appeared cracy almost since the days of Joan here. The Board of Inspectors of Ani- the Terrible. It is true that there were mals is without funds to carry out the hints of freedom, some hopes that Rusnecessary measures of suppression and sian manhood might have scope for repression and is appealing to the growth, following the breaking of the Board of Health and the Stock Breed- Tatar yoke. The great republic of ers' Association for financial support. Novgorod held up its power among the For the reasons already given and in nations against the might of the Czars consideration of the fact that a large of Muscovy for long years. While the disease.

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AIR SHIPS BY RAIL. A lately published story in the main-

land newspapers to the effect that the Baldwin airship had been crated and boxed for shipment by rail from the St. Louis Exposition to California suggests that the men who have turned their minds to a solution of the problem of aerial navigation do not seem to have grasped, as yet, the fundamental truth that the way to fly is to fly. Perhaps this failure may explain the lack of success that has so far attended all attempts at the practical demonstration of the possibilities of navigating the air. It is true that several more or less successful airships have latterly been evolved, and that one or two of the more daring aeronauts have seemed to demonstrate that they could send their machines against the wind. But when the most successful of all the airships goes from St. Louis to California it is boxed up and sent by rail as any other piece of mere mundane machinery might be.

That shows how far the world is yet from aerial navigation. The men who would fly do not fly. Instead, they trundle along on the steam cars, and mayhap on stage coaches and autos just the same as the rest of us.

It is a lesson as old as the world, that the men who have succeeded in doing things are the men who have gone them. The modern ocean liner is an evolution from the dugout, as naturally, and the stately ship crossing the wide seas is but a development tinues: from the pirogue of the savage slipping eross a narrow lagoon.

When Fulton evolved the steamboat from the application of the power of ropulsion of a steam engine to a floatng hull, he did not take his hull apart to be returned to New York in sections ofter he had shown that the boat could really be navigated. Not at all. The boat returned to her starting place unthe steamboat was a success. It went

horse and cart because the men who paper entitled, "Descriptions of New wanted to travel by land and set their Species of Hawaiian Crabs," by Mary minds to a solution of the problem of From the Leeward Islands, Hawaiian cheap and rapid transit understood as Group," by Walter K. Fisher. A long the first principle that the way to do article appears "Upon Maternal Solicia thing was to do it.

It comes around, then, to the first proposition, that the thing for the men who would fly to do is to fly. They must not content themselves with flymore than hopping-and then be content to crawl for the rest of the journey. They must fly and fly-and if they should fall, even though they be badly hurt, they must still be ready to get up and fly again. That is the road Glanders is a pestilence of frightful to achievement, with airships or with anything else. Nothing succeeds like

REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA.

Newspaper correspondents talk somewhat flippantly of the possibilities of revolution in Russia growing out of the disturbed industrial conditions seized of the malady and the circum- consequent upon the losses by the war stances of its progress till the final re- and the withdrawal of vast numbers of glanders which visited these islands sidered nor flippantly spoken of. It twenty years ago. That visitation is a possibility fraught with such apcaused a loss of many thousands of palling possibilities, to the Russians dollars in Honolulu and the country and to the race of men at large, that districts. It was stamped out by firm those who think will shrink from its and energetic measures conducted by contemplation even in remote perspec-

The peasantry of France was ground ernment. There was considerable of an fore there came from the abyss a of the repressive methods employed, across the world. The men of today but this was from people who were still feel the pulsing of that mighty ignorant of the fell import of the vis- force-a force for good, although its itation and, it is safe to say, there is demonstration was so feroclously cruel not today an intelligent horseman in in its first days that nations turned the islands who remembers the occa- to battle with it as terrified men unite

The Russian peasant has been ground As the Advertiser has informed its into the earth by the power of bureauamount of wealth is represented by blood of Rurik divided the land among horses and mules in this Territory, the his descendants, there was still hope menace of an epidemic of glanders for the Russ. When the peasants were makes an emergency to which the attached to the soil the chains of slavwhole business community should be at ery were forged, and under the once alive. The Board of Inspectors Romanoffs the beast has been more of Animals, with its two veterinary and more firmly fettered, despite the members, ought, at all costs, to be ade- effort of Alexander to free the serfs, quately supported in stamping out the more and more hard'y driven, until it stands today with a kind of brute patience, looking abroad into a world Lord Curzen is said to be greatly of freedom with a dumb wonder, per-

men but with small realization, ap-

When the beast turns! When the Russian begins to feel his own sorrows! Thrones will totter and from the abyss will rush once more that storm of blood and fire, across the world. That is what revolution in Russia means. Even men who know best the abuses of the Russian system will shrink at the contemplation of the application of that remedy-although it may be the only efficacious remedy

The ambassadors at Peking have been sending congratulations to the Dowager Empress of China upon the anniversary of her birth. That is proper enough, of course, but still there is not a very noticeable degree of enthusiasm about it. The old lady only seventy, after all,

Mrs. Hugh Tevis, of San Francisco and Denver and New York and the Pacific Ocean, told a reporter in Paris the other day that she had no home and "lived in her hat." Also, although she did not say so, it is apparent that she talks through it.

In the annual report of the Smithlegitimate and as readily traced as any sonian Institute at Washington, D. C., evolution could possibly be. It has just received, reference is made on page come because men who wanted to cross 27 to an interesting collection made in water have proceeded to cross it. They the Hawaiian Islands and now deswam, in the first place, as all animals posited in the institute, comprising do, and from swimming came the next bird skins, fishes, corals, mollusks, step in the discovery that they could crustaceans and other marine invertecross on floating logs and help their brates, obtained during the expedition progress by paddling with their hands, of the United States Fish Commission The cance and the sailboat followed steamer Albatross to the Hawaiian Islands and Samoa. The report con-

> Dr. O. P. Jenkins, of Leland Stanford University, donated forty-two types of Hawaiian fishes, constituting a second instalment of a series of types the first of which were transmitted in 1901. A deep sea pelican fish, captured at a depth of between 2000 and 3000 fathoms during the survey for the Pacific cable, was transmitted by the officers of the

"Besides the mollusks obtained by der her own power, although it may the Fish Commission expedition to the have been with some few hitches, and Hawaiian Islands, a number of wellpreserved land shells from the same region were donated by Mr. H. W. Henshaw of Hilo, Hawaii."

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